

NOTES ON EDUCATION.

A writer in *The Advertiser* says that education is making rapid progress in China. In his opinion the acquisition of a knowledge of Western science in China is no longer a question of fact or time. Such knowledge is sought after all over the Empire. Many of the more enterprising are using every facility at command to acquaint themselves with the results of modern scientific research. They are reaching out after it in all directions. In many cases, they grasp the result with a wonderful comprehension, without understanding the process by which it is reached. In some cases, they are endeavoring to apply these results, with only an imperfect or a partial success, as of course always happens in such attempts where the principles are not understood.

The trustees of the Indiana University have appealed to the people of the State for aid to replace the buildings recently burned.

Prominent Irish-American residents of San Francisco are making an effort to rouse an interest in the Celtic tongue. A class has been formed to engage in the study of it.

During the past summer the buildings of the Johns Hopkins University have undergone many needed repairs. President Gilman has been spending the summer in Europe, visiting and studying places of learning in England and on the Continent, with his eye open for any improvement which may be advantageously introduced in the Hopkins foundation. The excellence of the work done during the past year has been generally recognized, and the programme laid out for the coming session will be watched with interest, while the results will be received with the consideration to which they are entitled.

Nature, an English scientific weekly journal, with an extensive circulation and of great influence, in a very favorable note congratulates the university on the progress it has made and the position it has attained. It holds up the Johns Hopkins as a model for the old universities of England to study in the pursuit of original research.

The trustees of Dickinson College have decided to erect a new scientific building.

Much interest is felt in Scotland in the Scottish Education Bill now before the British Parliament. One of its most important provisions is a compulsory clause, which will apply to all children between the ages of ten and fourteen years. This clause will take a large number of children out of factors and workshops. As to the quality of education in Scotland now, *The London Times* states that it compares very favorably with that of education in England. For while in England each scholar on an average made 2.48 (out of three) passes in 1882, in Scotland each child's average was 2.67. Or to put this fact another way, while in England 79 per cent passed in reading, in Scotland the percentage was 92. Again, with writing the English percentage was under 82, against over 89 in Scotland, and with arithmetic the percentages were 77 in England and 85 in Scotland. If, therefore, the children can be both compelled to attend school in Scotland, it is certain that they will receive there as satisfactory an elementary education as is to be obtained anywhere in Great Britain.

The Philadelphia Record utters a strong plea in favor of the study of science in the public schools. "Were science once properly taught in our schools," it says, "a check could be given to some of the forces which seem to be disintegrating society. Wealth, with the power and position accompanying it, is now seen so anxiously that not only the rights of others but those of the individual self are ignored in the struggle to obtain it. Were men taught from infancy the certainty that punishment will in this life surely follow a sin against nature, and that an outraged society will in various ways revenge an injury done to its members—were these things taught with the same persistency with which the doctrines of hell and the devil, and how to cheat the devil, are inculcated, the millennium would soon come."

Overlin College has established a chair of Political Economy and International Law, and has called to fill it Mr. James Monroe, formerly United States Minister to Brazil.

An educational convention will be held at Louisville, Ky., on September 19, the object of which is to consider the question of popular education in the South, how best to promote its interests, and from what source the needed funds may be derived with which to advance its standard to the requirements of the times. It is said that the prevailing sentiment of the convention will be in favor of Federal aid to education.

The Chicago Herald declares that the new compulsory law of Illinois is a dead failure, first because there are no school accommodations for the children contemplated by the state, and secondly, because by the terms of the law, no adequate punishment is provided for those who break it. The Public School, *The Primary Teacher* and *The Kindergarten Messenger* of Boston, and *The Teacher's Companion* of this city, have been merged together. The united publication will be called *The American Teacher*, and will be published in Boston. It bids fair to be an excellent and useful periodical, judging from the first number.

Professor Z. P. Taylor, until recently the principal of the Central High School of Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected principal of the Free Academy of Rochester, N. Y.

The Providence Journal hopes that the new trinary law of Rhode Island will be wisely and judiciously enforced. "Manufacturers," it says, "as a class are willing enough to obey this or any such law; the parents are the ones that urge, even through falsehood, the employment of children; and a little more rigorous punishment of those who actually do wrong would repress some of the evils this law is intended to annihilate. This trinary law has been enacted because of manufacturing towns and a foreign population. The enforcement of it is promised to be a compromise. It goes too far upon one theory of punishment, and does not go far enough upon the other. But it may and rightly enough be said, the circumstances are what they are; an evil is admitted; it is better to let than to punish; educate the children and perhaps they will work. Now it is to be hoped that the town will choose for truant officers sensible men; and with them the manufacturers will gladly and harmoniously work; let the law have a full and fair trial, and be judged by its practical results."

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